Secretaries constituted by the Government for expeditious decision in the matter.

[Translation]

Conversion of Jaunpur-Audhiyar Line

1378. SHRI VIDYASAGAR SONKER : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which Jaunpur-Audhiyar metre gauge line is likely to be converted into broad gauge;

(b) whether there is any plan to introduce any train from Jaunpur to Audhiyar;

(c) if so, the time by which the said train is likely to be introduced;

(d) whether the rail bus on above route runs regularly; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Conversion of Jaunpur-Aunrihar line is not a sanctioned work.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Construction of Under/Over Bridge in Gujarat

1379. DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the pending/ongoing under/over-bridges projects in Gujarat alongwith expenditure incurred thereon; and

(b) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b)

S.No.	Name of Work	Details and Time of Completing	Expenditure incurred thereon
1	2	3	4
Work on Cost Sharing			
1.	Road Under Bridge in lieu of LC No. 11 bet. Sabarmati and Gandhigram	Complete work is to be executed by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation. Time for completion not yet fixed.	Nil
2.	Road Over Bridge in lieu of LC No. 146 at Surat	Railway's portion of work has since been completed and 90% progress has been made on approaches work. The work is targetted for completion by Sept. 1997.	Rs. 120.83 lakhs
3.	Road over Bridge in lieu of Lc. No. 20 at Sant Road -Piplod.	The work in railway portion could not be started as State Government has not started the work on approaches.	Nil
4.	Road Over Bridge in lieu of LC No. 80 at Vapi	Work completed and road over bridge opened for traffic on 26.5.97.	Rs. 173.63 lakh
Deposit Works			
5.	Road Under Bridge at Himmatnagar at Km. 321/10-11.	State Government has deposited Rs. 271.21 lakh in April, 1997 only. The work is being taken up in hand. Time for completion not yet fixed.	Nil
6.	Road Under Bridge at Maninagar-Vatva near Dskshini society.	Contract for work has been awarded in May, 1997. Work is in progress and is targetted for completion by May, 1998.	Nil
7.	Road over Bridge at Saij Sertha (Kalol) on Ahmedabad-Mahesana	State Government has deposited Rs. 3.26 crore for the work which is in progress and is targetted for completion by March'98	Rs. 1.95 lakhs

1	2	3	4
8.	Road over Bridge at Maninagar between Maninagar-Ahmedabad at Km. 190/6-8 (Cadila)	Approaches work completed and work on track portion is in progress. Work is likely to be completed in Nov. 97.	Rs. 73.36 lakhs
9.	Widening of Road Over Bridge for 4 lanes bet. Chhayapur-Pilol at Vadodara-Godhra section.	Progress of Work on Railway's portion is 5% and work of approaches has been completed. This work is targetted for completion by 1998.	Rs. 32.32 lakhs
10.	Road Over Bridge between Maninagar-Ahmedabad in lieu of LC No. 308/A at Km. 492/7-8 (Kokra)	Approaches work is nearing completion and Railway's portion of work has been completed up to pier cap level. This work is targetted for completion by Nov. 97.	Rs. 27.22 lakhs
11.	Road Over Bridge between Gandhigram-Vastrapur stations at Km. 23/9-10.	Tender has been awarded and the work is targetted to be completed by March'98.	Nil

Proposal for Badarpur Thermal Power Project

1380. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to expand Badarpur NTPC power project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial assistance given so far and the likely date of completion of the project; and

(d) the total capacity utilisation of Badarpur NTPC plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has no programme for expansion of the Badarpur Thermal Power Project.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

(d) The Plant Load Factor for the current year till 30th June, 1997 was 70.59%.

ADB Aided Rural Telephones

1381. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the foreign companies have entered into a bid for ADD aided rural telephone projects for which tenders were floated by DoT;

(b) if so, the number of foreign companies offered for the bids;

(c) the number of foreign companies have been selected for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which the projects are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In all 14 bids have been received, eight bids directly from foreign companies and the remaining six jointly with Indian companies.

(c) Tenders are still under evaluation.

(d) It has been planned for the year 1998-99.

[Translation]

Irregularities Committed by TTEs

1382. SHRIMATI BHAVANABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :
SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Paswan ji dekhiye kya scene hai" appearing in the `Rashtriya Sahara' dated June 15, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such incidents in future and streamline the passenger facilities at Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Complaints received from time to time, including the reports published in the newspapers are duly examined/investigated by the competent authority